

Public Document Pack

Eildon
Area Partnership

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Thursday, 11 November 2021
Time: 6pm
Location: Via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols
2.	Additional Information Document (Pages 3 - 10)
3.	Feedback from meeting of 23 September (Pages 11 - 14) Minute from meeting on 23 September 2021. (Copy attached.)
	Section 1: Service and Partner Updates & Consultations
4.	Place Making Update
5.	SBC Roads Update on Planned Works Programme, Donald Scott and Scott Learmonth
	Section 2: Local Priorities
6.	Community Assistance Hub update, Oonagh McGarry
	Section 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding
7.	Funding Table Overview (Pages 15 - 16)
8.	Community Fund (Pages 17 - 20) Consider funding recommendations from the Eildon Assessment Panel. (Recommendations attached.)
9.	Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications (Pages 21 - 36) Consider 4 applications for funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melrose Bowling Club• The Abbotsford Trust• Ettrick Forest Archers• TD1 Youth Hub

	<p>(Copies attached.)</p> <p>Photos of BBBB funded projects: BBBB Fund Awards 2021/22 Flickr</p>  <p>BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND OPEN 01 JUNE 2021 – 31 MAY 2022</p>
10.	<p>Group Evaluation (Pages 37 - 40)</p> <p>Maroon'd – verbal update on festival. Friends and family of Newtown Primary School (Evaluation attached.)</p>
	<p>Section 4: Other</p>
11.	<p>Next Area Partnership Meeting</p> <p>10th February 2022, Agenda issued 27th January 2022</p> <p>Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? Please contact your local councillor or the Communities & Partnership Team</p>
12.	<p>Future meeting dates</p>
13.	<p>Meeting Evaluation</p>

Please direct any enquiries to Declan Hall Tel: 01835 826556
Email: Declan.Hall@scotborders.gov.uk

Current SBC Consultations

SBC building authorisation form

We continue to live with the threat of COVID-19, highlighted by the number of new cases in the Scottish Borders in recent weeks.

As a result, our absolute priority remains the safety of the public and staff, including external groups who previously accessed Council buildings for service provision and meetings.

This authorisation form has been created for external groups such as third sector organisations, community or volunteer groups who deem themselves to be an essential service which require access to a Council building to deliver this service.

[Authorisation form for organisations/groups requesting Council building access - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Local Housing Strategy early engagement

The Local Housing Strategy (LHS) will set out how Scottish Borders Council and its partners plan to address the housing and housing related opportunities and challenges over the five year period 2023 – 2028. This new plan will build on the significant progress made on the issues identified in the [LHS 2017-2022](#) and will address newly arising housing matters particularly in response to the publication of new [LHS Guidance](#), [Housing to 2040](#) and the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Early Engagement Survey - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#) – closes 30th November

Waste and Recycling Survey – Magdala Terrace & High Buckholmside

The Council is keen to reduce the number of bins on the pavement on Magdala Terrace and High Buckholmside, and would like to work with residents to try and find a way forward.

[Waste & Recycling Survey 2021 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#) – closes 21st November

Community Information

Eildon has reintroduced our **What Matters Hub in Galashiels at Café Recharge at 58 Island Street, Galashiels TD1 1NU every Tuesday between 1-4pm**

What is the Hub?

- The Hub is a place where clients can meet:
- People from community groups and voluntary organisations from across the Borders
- People from the council such as social workers and occupational therapists

How can the Hub Help?

We Can:

- Help to get you information and advice quickly to remain in your own home and get involved in your community.
- Help you to find support you need to stay independent, such as equipment, transport or help at home.
- Provide advice for carers about support available in your area
- Provide information about what is happening in your local area and where you could meet new people.
- Provide information about volunteering opportunities.

New on-demand transport booking service launched

A new on-demand transport service mobile application has been launched to provide Borderers in the Ettrick Valley and Bonchester Bridge areas with better access to public and shared transport.

‘Go Borders’ will begin operating on the existing 910 Hawick – Bonchester Bridge and 911/912 Ettrick Valley - Hawick/Galashiels services to provide increased and more convenient access to public transport.

The service will enable residents in areas which are not serviced by public transport routes access to on-demand transport through the ‘Go Borders’ smart phone app or the existing telephony service.

The specially-created mobile application shows real-time updates and allows users to view and book journeys in the matter of a few clicks whilst also tracking the vehicle along its route by viewing live arrival information.

Payment will then be made in the traditional way via cash or concessionary card on board the bus when passengers begin their journey.

The service has been created in partnership with [Moovit](#), an Intel company, and leading ‘Mobility as a Service’ solutions provider. The Go Borders app is powered by Moovit’s technology, and the transport service is powered by Moovit On-Demand solution.

Gordon Edgar, Executive Member for Infrastructure, Travel and Transport, said: “Given the rural nature of so many of our communities in the Scottish Borders, the traditional forms of public transport struggle to meet the diverse travel needs of our residents.

“Go Borders will provide unprecedented flexibility and offer greater convenience for residents, especially those living in some of the most remote locations where there are little or no public transport services at present.

“I think this is an extremely positive development and look forward to exploring how services like this can be expanded geographically to other areas of the region.”

Yovav Meydad, Moovit’s Chief Growth and Marketing Officer, said: “We are excited to partner with Scottish Borders Council and power this new mobility offering for Scottish Borders residents for greater access to transport and shorter walk and wait times.

“Complementary to traditional modes of transport, Moovit On-Demand can help residents get around more efficiently and gain more transparency into their ride.”

The Go Borders app is available to download on the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Passengers without a smartphone who are unable to use the Go Borders DRT app can also phone the Council on 01835 826753 to book their bus.

Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities

The [Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities](https://www.sclد.org.uk/) (SCLD) has launched a new app, ‘Human Rights Town’, designed to help people with learning disabilities to understand their human rights.

<https://www.sclد.org.uk/welcome-to-human-rights-town/>

Dyslexia pop up shop, Selkirk 30th Oct

Our volunteer-led Dyslexia Scotland Borders branch will be at the pop up shop on 1 Tower Street, Selkirk on Saturday 30th October from 10am – 2pm to answer any of your questions about dyslexia.

We provide information for children, young people and adult with dyslexia, their families, teachers, employers and others.

Anyone is very welcome to drop in anytime to look at information and chat to our friendly volunteers.

Volunteer Centre Borders

WE CARE: WE VOLUNTEER

**VOLUNTEER
CENTRE BORDERS**



Get involved in Volunteering.

www.vcborders.org.uk
enquiries@vcborders.org.uk
or call us on
01896754041.

Community Ownership Fund

You may be aware that the UK Government has launched a new £150 million Community Ownership Fund. This will provide funding over four years to support community groups to take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of being lost. From the summer onwards, voluntary and community groups can bid for up to £250,000 (up to £1M for sport projects) at 50% match funding to help them purchase or take over important assets and run them for the benefit of the local community.

The intention is to help ensure key assets within a community are not lost. The UK Government has not published a definite list of eligible assets as they want to hear what matters to communities but the fund could support community ownership proposals including:

- sporting and leisure facilities
- cinemas and theatres
- music venues
- museums
- galleries

- parks
- pubs
- post office buildings
- shops

Applicants will need to be able to demonstrate the value of the asset to local people and the sustainability of the project as well as the risk of losing the amenity without community intervention.

The Fund will run until 2024/25 and there will be at least 8 bidding rounds in total. Key dates are as follows:

- 30th July - online portal opens for submission of applications
- 13 August 2021 – deadline for submitting applications to the first bidding round
- December 2021 – round 2 will open
- May 2022 – round 3 will open

The first round is primarily focused on capital costs with an expectation that development funding will be available from round 2 onwards. The UK Government intends to update the fund's prospectus and guidance notes for round 2 in the autumn based on their learning from round 1.

For more details, please see the [Community Ownership Fund prospectus](#). A copy of the application form is attached.

Locality Plan and Action Plans

[Eildon Locality Plan | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Eildon Area Partnership | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/communityempowerment>

Information Pack on Community Empowerment for Area Partnerships:

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20015/your_council/472/area_partnerships/7

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests or formal Asset Transfer requests being considered within the Eildon area. Information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 is available on the Council's website: [Parts of the Act | Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Section 4: Further Support

20.

Useful Links below

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)

[Salvation Army](#)

NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

Business support:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business

www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

[SBC Community Fund](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

[Sustainable Development Fund](#)

Heating & energy:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth

Covid-19:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/community-testing>

Health & Wellbeing:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint

Community Empowerment:

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20062/strategies_plans_and_policies/357/community_empowerment_scotland_act_2015

Scottish Community Council Newsletter:

<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/>

This page is intentionally left blank

**Eildon
Area Partnership**



MINUTE of Meeting of the EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP held remotely by Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 23 September 2021 at 6.00 pm

Present:- Councillors G. Edgar (Chairman), S. Aitchison, E. Jardine, J. Linehan, H. Scott and E Thornton-Nicol together with 18 representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils, and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillors D. Parker, C. Cochrane, T. Miers

In Attendance:- Locality Development Co-ordinator (K. Harrow), Portfolio Manager (J. Lamb), Democratic Services Team Leader, Democratic Services Officer (D. Hall)

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held remotely via Microsoft teams, which included elected Members, guests attending within the meeting and those watching via the Live Stream. The Chairman outlined how the meeting would be conducted.

2. FEEDBACK AND EVALUATION FROM MEETING OF 24 JUNE 2021

The Minute of the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held on 24 June 2021 had been circulated and was noted.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

It was noted that further consultations had been added relating to ScotRail Services and Social Work Charging Policy.

4. PLACE MAKING APPROACH

4.1 Portfolio Manager, James Lamb, gave a slide presentation providing an update on the Place Making Approach. A full report, Place Making - Next Steps had been agreed by Scottish Borders Council at the meeting on 26 August 2021. Mr Lamb explained that following significant consultation with all 5 Area Partnerships, the focus was now on transforming how the council worked with its communities, using consistent methods to provide fair opportunities for development across the region. Each Area Partnership was asked to agree to a proposed joint framework. Mr Lamb outlined some of the proposed Joint Principles and explained that those presented at this meeting were a suggestion, and that feedback on the principles was welcomed. Mr Lamb went on to explain how initial areas for development could be identified using various criteria, such as the Town Centre Index, Existing Locality Plans, Funding-Ready Projects and Economic & Demographic Growth factors. Plans including criteria to promote the development of smaller communities were also being worked on. It was noted that it was highly desirable to draw upon community knowledge rather than purely statistical analysis.

4.2 Regarding the availability of resources, Mr Lamb referred to paragraph 8 of the full report. He drew attention to paragraph 8.6 which outlined that 9 new Scottish Borders Council posts have been created: 2 Community Place Planning and Regeneration Officers, 5 Community Engagement Officers, 1 Climate Change Officer and 1 Green Space Programme Officer who would support place-making activity. Mr Lamb went on to stress that the speed of action and what would happen was in the hands of the Area Partnership. He asked the Area Partnership to provide feedback on the proposed joint

principles, the proposed framework and possible options for Area Partnerships to prioritise where place making activity started and how it could be extended to include all communities as part of a multi-year programme. Mr Lamb would circulate a feedback form via email following the meeting, the responses to which would be analysed and presented at the next appropriate meeting.

- 4.3 The Chairman thanked Mr Lamb for his presentation. It was agreed that a link to the August Council Paper, the draft terms of reference and a copy of the slide presentation would be issued.

5. **AREA PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION**

The Chairman asked Kenny Harrow to provide an update on the Area Partnership Consultation. Mr Harrow advised that the consultation had concluded on 1 August and the results of the consultation were being examined and collated. Mr Harrow would make a presentation on the consultation at the next appropriate meeting.

6. **ANDY'S MAN CLUB**

Alex McClintock, the project development champion from Andy's Man Club gave a talk about his group, who they were and what they were doing in the local area. He explained that they were a peer support group, providing an opportunity for men to talk about any difficulties that they may be facing in life. He went on to explain that they had opened their first group in the Borders in Galashiels, meeting at the in the hospitality suite of Galashiels Rugby Club on Mondays from 7pm to 9pm. The group were continuing to grow and Mr McClintock encouraged any man who was facing challenges in life to attend a meeting to get help and support. The group had developed an extensive social media presence, and enquiries could be directed via Facebook and to info@andysmanclub.co.uk. The Members in attendance spoke highly of the goals of the club and offered their support and encouragement.

7. **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE HUB**

Oonagh McGarry, the Lead of the Community Assistance Hub gave an update on the work of her group. The hub continued to operate and provide support in the community by delivering emergency food packages, medicine, and Covid-19 support to those who were required to self-isolate. She went on to state that she had continued to chair weekly meetings at the CAH to explore potential areas in Health and Social care that could require attention, for example what issues could arise following the change to Universal Credit. The Chairman thanked Ms McGarry for her presentation and the Community Assistance Hub for its excellent work.

8. **EXPLORERS GROUP**

Louise Rawlins, CLDS Worker, gave a presentation on the Muddy Boots and Curious Minds project, which supported young people in the area trying to achieve a John Muir award. The project had identified young people in their final year at secondary school who were at risk of not moving into work, training or further education. They had worked with Borders Forest Trust to deliver life skills training and education on the local countryside to those involved. All of those who had taken part had succeeded in gaining the John Muir Trust "Explorer" award after they demonstrated their leadership skills, knowledge of nature and the ability to lead guided walks. The project had been a great success and promoted further education opportunities, which had helped the young people realise the potential career opportunities available working outdoors or with young people. Mrs Rawlins extended her gratitude to the Borders Children's Charity who had provided £200 to enable the purchase of hiking equipment for the young people. Members congratulated everyone involved on their work and what they had achieved. The Chairman commended all those involved for their excellent work and suggested that if further funding was required they consider applying to the Build Back a Better Borders Fund.

9. **FUNDING TABLE OVERVIEW**

A copy of the Eildon Area Partnership Funding Table had been circulated. Regarding the Community Fund 2021/22, Mr Harrow referred to the table and explained that £53,889.79 had been awarded. He advised that if the pending applications were approved there would be a balance of £9417.04 to last until the new financial year. Mr Harrow went on to explain that The Build Back a Better Borders fund had to date awarded £12,989.33. He advised that if the pending applications were approved there would be a balance of £98,921.81.

10. **COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE / APPLICATIONS**

10.1 A report outlining the recommendations of the Eildon Area Partnership Assessment Panel on five applications to the Eildon Community Fund had been circulated. Mr Harrow explained that the panel had met for the first time, discussed the applications and made recommendations. Jenny Mushlin had been appointed as Chair and she gave an outline of each application before providing comments and an explanation of the reasons for each recommendation. She confirmed that all decisions by the Panel had been unanimous.

10.2 **Selkirk Regeneration**

The application from Selkirk Regeneration was for a grant of £5,220 to help fund the publication of 150 books on the return of fishing rights to their rightful owners. The book described in detail how that was done. The panel was of the opinion that the project didn't clearly evidence the local need or demonstrate wider community access to the resource. Following considerable discussion, the application was denied and funding was not granted.

10.3 **Bird Garden Scotland**

The application under consideration was for a grant of £3,960 to enable the purchase of 10 picnic tables by Bird Garden Scotland to allow visitors to sit and have refreshments at a local greenspace. The grant would also enable those with low mobility and similar challenges to visit the area safely and comfortably. The request for £3,960 was granted in full.

10.4 **St Marys Loch Sailing Club**

St Marys Loch Sailing Club had applied for a grant of £15,000 for the purchase of a new club safety boat. The boat was part of the club's five year strategy, enabling the club to deliver a variety of extra courses and training camps for those of all ages. Members discussed the application and recognised the increased usage of the loch, the importance of safety when engaged in water based activities and the positive impact that the extra courses could have on youths in the area. The request for a grant of £15,000 received unanimous approval.

10.5 **Newstead Village Community Trust**

Newstead Village Community trust had applied for a grant of £13,758 to appoint a professional to help develop a community action plan for Newstead. The application was deferred until the Area Partnership meeting to be held in November to allow time for follow-up questions to be asked and answered.

10.6 **Yoga Frog**

Yoga Frog had applied for a grant of £1,500 to deliver 3 blocks of 5 free yoga sessions to the community, with a focus on stress relief and well-being. The level of community demand and who would be eligible to access the sessions was not clear in the application. The application for a grant of £1,500 was rejected. Mr Harrow informed the meeting that he would follow up with those seeking the grant to work on identifying community need and to create a more structured application.

11. **BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND UPDATE / APPLICATIONS**

11.1 The Chairman asked Mr Harrow to provide an overview of the applications to the Build Back a Better Borders Fund. Mr Harrow drew attention to posts on Flickr, an online photo

management and sharing application, of projects that had been funded by the BBBB initiative. Mr Harrow noted that the application from Miracle Woodlands had been withdrawn, whilst the application from Yoga Frog would not be considered at the meeting due to an error on the application and would be brought back at a later date. Mr Harrow proceeded to give an outline of each application.

11.2 **Langlee Community Centre**

Langlee Community Centre Management committee applied for a grant of £2,227 to meet the cost of offering free lets to 10 affiliated groups over a 2 month period. The grant would allow the groups to return to the centre without a financial burden, and aimed to alleviate any concerns about the viability of groups meeting due to low attendance rates. Members discussed the application and raised some concerns regarding the high level of financial reserves held by the centre relative to the grant application as well as a lack of consultation with the affiliated groups involved. Following considerable discussion it was agreed that the application would be deferred to allow the centre some time to conduct user group consultations and provide the results.

11.3 **Stow Community Trust**

The application from Stow Community Trust was for £15,000 to part fund the employment of a manager for 6 months to set up and develop the Stow Cycle Hub based at the Station House. The role of the manager would be to set up the cycle hub with a range of services and to support activities that promote cycling and walking. The Cycle Hub would provide a bike repair and refurbishment service together with personal development opportunities for the local community. Following considerable discussions the application for £15,000 was unanimously granted.

11.4 **Selkirk Baptist Church**

Selkirk Baptist Church was applying for £6796.97 to assist in improving a large garden space on their premises. The funding would allow the area to be made into a safe and comfortable area for the local community to sit and enjoy. It was noted that the garden was overgrown and unsuitable for relaxation. The requested funding would allow the Church to appoint a gardener for 4 hours per week for a 6 month period to work alongside volunteers to maintain the garden. The application included a full price breakdown of other items, such as garden furniture and tools, which the group wished to purchase to improve and manage the garden. Members praised the application and unanimously granted the funding of £6796.97.

12. **OPEN FORUM**

Mr Harrow took the opportunity to demonstrate Menti, a tool designed to allow better participation in online meetings. The tool worked by asking users to scan a QR code with a mobile phone or tablet computer. It then allowed them to provide feedback or ask questions that could be shared on screen. It was also possible to use a standard web-based link. Mr Harrow stated that he hoped to make use of the tool in future Area Partnership meetings.

13. **NEXT AREA PARTNERSHIP**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 11 November 2021. Suggestions for agenda items could be sent to the Locality Development Co-ordinator at kenny.harrow@scotborders.gov.uk.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7.45 p.m.

11 November 2021

Community Fund 2021/2022	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2021 (£276k split per head of population)	£ 85,273.00
Plus 50% of available Local Festival Grant budget	£ 14,200.00
Total available	£ 99,473.00
Less:	
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications awarded since 01/04/2021	£ 77,750.27
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 2,198.44
Sub-total	£ 79,948.71
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 19,524.29

Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications still to be assessed	£ 6,500.00
Potential Overall Position	£ 13,024.29

Build Back a Better Borders	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/06/2021 (£500k split 80%/20% per head of population and S.I.M.D.)	£ 153,633.00
Total available	£ 153,633.00
Less:	
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded since 01/06/2021	£ 34,259.41
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 74,784.20
Sub-total	£ 109,043.61
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 44,589.39

Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ 44,589.39

Summary of all applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	30/03/21	Community Fund	Oxton War Memorial Hall Committee	£ 30,000.00	Build new village hub	Awarded
2	19/04/21	Community Fund	Melrose Football Club	£ 1,500.00	Football kit upgrade	Awarded
3	29/04/21	Community Fund	Beyond Earlston	£ 12,460.00	BE Active' staff costs	Awarded
4	29/04/21	Community Fund	Selkirk Playpark	£ 571.25	Seesaw replacement	Awarded
5	31/05/21	Community Fund	Melrose Rugby Football Club	£ 4,000.00	Consultant Fees	Awarded
6	03/06/21	Community Fund	Galashiels Academy Pupil Council	£ 4,458.54	Videography equipment	Awarded
7	12/07/21	Community Fund	Newstead Village Community Trust	£ 900.00	Land valuation - village green	Awarded
8	28/07/21	Community Fund	Bird Gardens Scotland	£ 3,564.00	10 x picnic tables	Awarded
9	27/08/21	Community Fund	St Mary's Loch Sailing Club	£ 15,000.00	Boat and trailer	Awarded
10	17/09/21	Community Fund	Melrose & District Community Council	£ 1,500.00	Christmas lights	Awarded
11	18/09/21	Community Fund	Selkirk Silver Band	£ 2,198.44	Digitalisation of sheet music	Assessed
12	27/09/21	Community Fund	Lilliesleaf Community Development Ltd	£ 1,500.00	Village green development	Awarded
13	29/09/21	Community Fund	Trustees of Bowden Common	£ 896.48	Replacement shed doors & football nets	Awarded
14	11/10/21	Community Fund	Oxton & Ch'kirk Community Council	£ 1,400.00	Tractor repair	Awarded
15	27/10/21	Community Fund	Scott's Selkirk	£ 5,000.00	10 x gazebos	Assessing
16	28/10/21	Community Fund	Green Stow	£ 1,500.00	COP26 activites for kids	Assessing
17	11/06/21	BBBB Fund	Melrose Scout Group	£ 10,921.13	Equipment & membership increase	Awarded
18	24/06/21	BBBB Fund	One Step Borders	£ 585.00	Staff costs - Volunteer Coordinator	Awarded
19	24/06/21	BBBB Fund	Currie Memorial Hall	£ 1,483.20	Reinstate events (purchase equipment)	Awarded
20	27/07/21	BBBB Fund	Selkirk Baptist Church	£ 6,796.97	Community garden	Awarded
21	30/08/21	BBBB Fund	Stow Community Trust	£ 15,000.00	Cycle Hub Coordinator salary & training	Awarded
22	14/09/21	BBBB Fund	Melrose Bowling Club	£ 9,828.00	Lawnmower for Bowling Green	Assessed
23	16/09/21	BBBB Fund	The Abbotsford Trust	£ 15,000.00	Mental health pilot project	Assessed
24	14/10/21	BBBB Fund	Ettrick Forest Archers	£ 6,700.00	Archery equipment & training costs	Assessed
25	18/10/21	BBBB Fund	TD1 Youth Hub	£ 12,384.00	Staff costs, free activities, vehicle hire	Assessed
26	21/10/21	BBBB Fund	Selkirk Rotary	£ 4,500.00	Celebrating Selkirk project	Assessed
27	25/10/21	BBBB Fund	Melrose Waverley Tennis Club	£ 8,163.00	Hitting wall & kids coaching sessions	Assessed
28	26/10/21	BBBB Fund	Gala Rugby	£ 3,600.00	Officer salary costs, equipment & travel	Assessed
29	27/10/21	BBBB Fund	Newstead Village Community Trust	£ 12,382.00	Consultation and delivery of CAP & BP	Assessed
Total				£193,792.01		

Other sources of grant funding - Eildon			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 14,200.00	£ 6,300.00	£ 7,900.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 10,525.00	£ 2,985.00	£ 7,540.00
SBC Small Schemes	£ 48,200.00	£ 30,884.00	£ 17,316.00
Common Good (Galashiels)	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
Common Good (Lauder)	£ 10,500.00	£ -	£ 10,500.00
Common Good (Selkirk)	£ 21,800.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 20,300.00
William Hill Trust	£ 15,000.00	£ 13,540.00	£ 1,460.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 3,047.22	£ 885.25	£ 2,161.97
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 9,501.52	£ -	£ 9,501.52
Totals	£ 133,273.74	£ 56,094.25	£ 77,179.49

This page is intentionally left blank

Eildon Assessment Panel Recommendations

11th November 2021

Selkirk Silver Band - £2,198.44

The funding will be used in the preservation of the unique music of the Selkirk Common Riding. The music, a series of songs and marches, are used in the Selkirk and Lauder common ridings, a celebration of the history and traditions of the Royal and Ancient Burgh dating back over four hundred years. The original manuscripts, which are over one hundred years old are unfortunately after many years of use, becoming illegible. The band proposes to digitalise and store the manuscripts for the use and enjoyment of future generations. In addition, new copies of the music will be generated, and laminated for the use of the current players in the band.

Assessment Panel Recommendation;

- Digitising the music will preserve Selkirk's Musical heritage
- It was recognised that Selkirk Silver Band, as well as playing during the Common Riding, perform in nursing homes and at public concerts
- Integral part of community life

It was recommended that the Selkirk Silver Band should **be awarded** £2198.44 for the preservation of the unique music of Selkirk Common Riding.

Newstead Village Community Trust - £13,758

Funding to develop a community action and business plan

Assessment Panel recommendations;

At the meeting of Eildon Assessment Panel on Tuesday 26th October it was recommended that Newstead Village Community Trust should not receive funding for the Newstead Village Community Action Plan and Business Plan. However the value of the project was recognised and it was recommended that the Newstead Village Community Trust should apply to the 'Build Back Better' funding scheme.

Eildon Community Fund fast track applications – approved for funding

Melrose and District Community Council – Melrose Festive Light Upgrade - £1,500

The group are looking to upgrade their existing light system, replace or repair control boxes, replace all timers with the purchase of 24 new time clocks and replace two festoons which are close to the end of life span.

Assessment Panel Comments;

The Eildon Assessment Panel unanimously **agreed to recommend** that an application by Melrose & District Community Council to upgrade the festive lighting in Melrose should be approved. The amount requested is £1500, which can be fast tracked if approved by the SBC Councillors.

- The Assessment Panel felt that this upgrade is environmentally friendly and there is a community need for it.
- Demonstrated need for Christmas lights in the village

On behalf of the Eildon Assessment Panel, I would like to request the Councillors to allow this application to be fast tracked, so that the October deadline can be met .

Lilliesleaf Community Development Limited

Leaf Green - £1500

The group wish to receive to cover some on-going expenses such as Accountant, insurance and grass cutting. This will help to support the group after the purchase of the green area in the village.

Assessment Panel Comments;

At a recent Meeting of the Eildon Assessment Panel it was recommended that the application by the Lilliesleaf Community Development Ltd should be fast tracked.

- Provide support for some fixed costs while group seek larger funding and use reserves for larger projects associated with purchase of land
- Community interest in the project

We would like to request the SBC Councillors **to agree to fast track this project.**

Trustees of Bowden Common - £896.48

Replacement of common shed doors and football nets

The group wish to purchase new shed doors and replace the football nets that are in the common. The Trustees of Bowden Common are responsible for the maintenance of Bowden Common. The small football pitch at the edge of the Common has two football goal posts with nets which are falling apart and in need of replacement

The condition of the doors on the shed has deteriorated and reached the stage that the group can no longer rely on them to protect the equipment, particularly the mower. The doors are of a non-

standard design and will have to be made specially. The group are seeking a one off grant to replace these doors so that the Trustees can continue to protect the equipment used by volunteers to maintain the Common.

Assessment Panel Comments;

At a recent Meeting of the Eildon Assessment Panel it was recommended that the application by the Trustees of Bowden Common for a grant to replace Common shed doors and football nets should be fast tracked.

- Supports a small community
- Provides increased security for expensive equipment
- Replace existing but well used equipment

We would like to request the SBC Councillors **to agree to fast track this project**, which is below the limit of £1500. The sum involved is £896.48 and The Trustees hope to have the project completed by December 2021. The members of the Assessment Panel unanimously agreed that this is a worthwhile project and of community benefit

Oxton & Channelkirk Community Council- £1,400

Community Tractor repair

The tractor is now 8 years old and has recently had some failures of the hydraulic oil system cause by corrosion, as a result of gritting the pathways. This was initially thought to be a small scale repair, but after an initial repair it was discovered to be more substantial. The cost of this repair is well in excess of the small scale repair costs which can normally be covered by the CC.

Assessment Panel Comments;

At a recent Meeting of the Eildon Assessment Panel it was recommended that the application by Oxton & Channelkirk Community Council for a grant to repair the community tractor should be fast tracked.

- Supports resilience within community
- Well used from summer to winter
- Supports rural community especially during winter months

We would like to request the SBC Councillors **to agree to fast track this project**,

This page is intentionally left blank

2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Melrose Bowling Club					
Organisation structure	Unincorporated sports club					
Application reference	BBBB/EIL/10					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	November 2021			Project end date	January 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£13,773.56
Current bank balance	£30,866.95
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£3,535
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£27,331

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community.

High **Medium** **Low**

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the focus of Melrose Bowling Club has been to be as pro-active as possible in its efforts to engage and communicate with members. The group has achieved this through various means including welfare calls to all members to ensure they were safe and well and felt supported by the club, reinvesting club funds to renovate social areas such as the bar lounge to attract members, guests and community groups back in to the club and the outdoor area which has been repurposed to house a new safely distanced seating area to allow bowlers to sit and socialise. The efforts that the club has gone to over the last 12-18 months has ensured that the majority of its existing members have retained and renewed their membership throughout 2020 and 2021.

The bowling club wish to continue their efforts in order to further strengthen their position within the local community. A key part of maintaining members and attracting new ones is maintaining the bowling green to a very high standard.. The group wish to purchase a new lawn mower that is suitable for the needs of a modern-day bowling green. The lawn mower

the club currently has is 16 years old and is beginning to incur increasingly high annual costs (around £500 per annum) for servicing and repairs and is significantly less effective than when it was purchased. The green is required to be cut six or seven times per week and therefore directly impacts the success of the club.

If the bowling club is able to purchase the lawn mower using grant funding, it will provide high quality playing conditions for all that use it including a large group of elderly members who live alone and for some whose only opportunity to socialise is at the bowling club. The club also provides members with an ideal opportunity for regular exercise, leading to an increase in both physical and mental wellbeing after almost 18 months in isolation.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
---	--	-------------------------------------

The groups of people who will directly benefit from the project to purchase a new lawn mower are significant. This encompasses not only the entire Melrose community, but also benefits those from further afield across the whole of the Borders and beyond. including:

- **All existing playing members**, particularly senior members who have told the club they benefit from playing on a surface that runs at good speed and does not require extensive effort to throw their bowls. If green conditions are heavy, they are less inclined to play bowls.
- **New playing members** from throughout the local community which the club seek to attract in the years ahead and will have the best opportunity to be introduced to the sport. Melrose Bowling Club's target is to drive a 10% minimum increase in playing membership numbers in 2022 and build on this further in subsequent years.
- **Visiting clubs and teams** from throughout the Borders and beyond – the club's Gents, Ladies and Senior Teams will all return to Border League play in 2022, which means there are 40 - 60 visiting players playing on the green most weeks throughout the summer months.
- **Bowls Scotland and Border Bowling Association** will also be direct beneficiaries, as they always look for the best quality greens to host their Matches and Championship Tournaments. This is a key linked goal within the bowling club's strategy, to ensure the club attracts more high-profile events on its green.
- **Non-Bowlers within the Melrose Community** will also benefit. The club have created and developed relationships with Melrose Rugby Club and some local businesses, who have confirmed they wish to return in future years for "Try Bowls" days. These events have been popular and successful in the past and very much help the club promote the sport to many more people than it has in past years, and notably these "Try Bowls" days bring a younger contingent, which is something the club is increasingly seeking to encourage. Melrose Bowling Club expect to have a minimum of 150 non-bowlers try Bowls in 2022 through these initiatives and partnerships.

The groups listed above have been adversely affected by the pandemic and their opportunity to play bowls at Melrose has been significantly impacted. Play at the club was unable to be resumed until June 2020, so almost 2 months of that short summer season were lost. Even after re-starting in June 2020, play was very much restricted, with strict social distancing and limited numbers able to play at any one time.

The mental and physically benefits of Bowling and the camaraderie were diminished hugely, and even when there was a phased return to play many were rightly cautious and therefore played much less in 2020 and indeed this has continued to an extent in 2021.

During Lockdown, two of the club's most experienced bowlers successfully qualified as Bowls coaches through Bowls Scotland Coach Workshops and they also attained PVG Certificates. The aim of the club is to "build back better" and with a coaching infrastructure now in place, the club is able to target 2022 and beyond to set up "Try Bowls" (which Bowls Scotland, the sport's Governing Body will support the club with). In addition, the club can target more youth groups, inviting them to the club for tester days, with hands-on support to encourage and develop opportunities for children, with the aim of building up the youth section. Around 1 in 4 people who attend the "Try Bowls" events go on to join the club. These events are communicated widely throughout social media, local posters and are free of charge. The club plan to run these events in May 2022 and July 2022. The club have received donations of smaller sized Bowls from several members, which means it also has the right equipment in place to support these events. This demonstrates the club's and existing members' enthusiasm and desire to attract new people, and particularly more young people to the sport.

Should members of the community wish to join the club, there are a variety of benefits available to them, such as:

- a reduced annual membership fee for new members of £10 (compared to the normal price of £60) during their first season
- no membership fee for all members under the age of 16
- free equipment available to all players
- free coaching and support from members and the club's three qualified bowls coaches
- the bowling club allows new players to compete in 5-6 matches free of charge before requesting membership fee payment

Community groups are also welcome to spend the day at the club to try out bowls for the first time, free of charge.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
--------------------------------------	---	-------------------------------------

The purchase of a new lawn mower will safeguard the future of the bowling club for years to come, by ensuring that its main focal point, the green, is improved and maintained rather than have it diminish and decline. The project will help ensure that the club continues to offer a valuable and well used local recreational facility not only for existing and future members but for community groups and indeed the whole wider community of Melrose.

The new mower is battery powered, as opposed to the existing petrol mower in place, and therefore emits significantly less harmful gases and noise, offering a much more environmentally friendly alternative.

The club committee expect to see memberships increase by more than 10% in 2022, with a particular increase in the highly competitive Bowlers, senior members and youth members. The club have invested significant effort over the last two years to encourage new people through its gates via direction communication with community members, the taster days and a pro-am event in 2021 and plans to continue this effort into 2022 by utilising social media and posters to promote upcoming events, more taster days and by encouraging current members to bring along friends and family to try out bowls for free. The club will also invite its sponsors along free of charge to use its facilities on and off the green to try and encourage more players to join.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£10,920
10% organisation contribution	£1,092
Request to BBBB	£9,828

Item of expenditure	Cost
Infinicut 22" Lithium mower	£10,920

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
2020/21	Scottish Government - Strategic Framework Business Grants (Business Closure and Restricted Opening)	£23,450
2019/20	Scottish Government - Strategic Framework Business Grants (Business Closure and Restricted Opening)	£11,400

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	The application scores high as showcases how important the quality of the bowling green is in retaining and encouraging the number of players at the club across a variety of age groups. The application has great examples of the numerous groups of people that the club's plans will benefit and the positive impacts it will have. The bowling club's proven track record of assisting members of the community in times of need also showcases the efforts its players/members are willing to go to in order to ensure the wellbeing of their peers.
Additional terms and conditions required	The applicant must follow Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance. Appropriate training must be given to any user(s) of the mower and relevant safety equipment must be worn by the user(s) at all times when the mower is in operation. Appropriate insurance must be in place
Evaluative measures	Feedback from user(s) of the lawnmower as to the level of improvement in comparison to the original mower (ease of use, results, ongoing costs) Feedback from club members on the improvement of conditions Increase in membership uptake Number of "Try Bowls" days organised and number of attendees (with a focus on young people attendance)

2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	The Abbotsford Trust					
Organisation structure	Scottish Registered Charity SC037425					
Application reference	BBBB-EIL-11					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	Nov 21			Project end date	May 22	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£89,856
Current bank balance	£550,797
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£155,516
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£229,598* further information provided at bottom of assessment

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment: Abbotsford Trust would like to develop a new pilot project for adults living in the local community whose mental health and well-being has been affected by the pandemic. The project will be led by the Abbotsford Trust's Heritage Engagement Officer. Group sessions will take place each week on a weekday morning at Abbotsford with a small number of places available. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities which are all aimed at improving their mental and physical health and well-being.</p>		

The project will look to engage with 20 individuals. The intention is for the project to be delivered in four "blocks", with each block lasting six weeks and having five participants.

Five individuals would attend weekly for six weeks, then they would be followed by another group of five people attending weekly for a second six weeks, and so on.

The aim of the project is for those involved to have the opportunity to try o different things at Abbotsford. For example, participants might try hands-on practical activities in the gardens and estate (eg, gardening, planting, seed collecting, clearing etc) and take part in activities in the historic house and visitor centre (such as at the visitor welcome desk in the Visitor Centre or being a room steward in the historic house). Then there is also the opportunity to try out more creative and 'behind the scenes' things at Abbotsford, such as digital marketing and storytelling/interpretation (people love to do this, taking inspiration from Sir Walter Scott's collections or the gardens as prompts, for example).

Abbotsford Trust are looking for funding to cover key staff costs that would play a role in supporting the individuals on the project

Staff time involved;
Heritage Engagement Officer
Heritage Engagement Manager
Head Gardener
Estate Ranger

Other costs involved include travel expenses to help support participants attend the session with the aim of removing barriers to participation.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

The Abbotsford Trust will work in partnership with the Local Area Co-ordination (LAC) - Mental Health team at Scottish Borders Council, and will look to work with adults (18+) who have engaged with the LAC team to participate in weekly group activities on site at Abbotsford. The LAC team support adults aged 18 years and over who have acknowledged mental health difficulties that are affecting their quality of life. The team covers the Eildon area (Galashiels, Selkirk, Earlston). The LAC team will identify and support individuals to attend the project.

Participants will receive support from the Abbotsford staff while on site and participants will continue to receive support from community link workers outwith this time so that both parties can make sure that individual needs are being met.

Whilst this is intended as a pilot project, the group are interested to working with other partners who may wish to encourage people to attend.

Expected <u>impact</u> of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic		
High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>The project will give participants the opportunity to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Improve their physical and mental health 2) Become a more active member of their local community 3) Build structure and focus into their week 4) Re-build confidence, resilience and self-esteem 5) Further develop life skills such as timekeeping, communication skills and resilience 6) Gain an insight into their own local heritage and make a valuable contribution and connection to an internationally significant heritage site 7) Become familiar with the facilities available at Abbotsford (e.g. the free-to-access path network) and confidence to access these independently to support well-being 8) Gain experience of short-term volunteering in preparation for a more committed volunteering opportunity at Abbotsford or elsewhere 9) Gain an insight into careers and jobs within the tourism sector on their doorstep <p>For those who wish to and for whom it is appropriate, there is the potential for this experience to lead into more regular and formal volunteer opportunities at Abbotsford. The Trust currently have over 140 individuals that are volunteers that work right across the estate. Therefore there is potential for some who come through this pilot to go on to be a regular volunteer if they choose.</p>		

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£20,908
10% organisation contribution	£2,090
Request to BBBB	£15,000

Item of expenditure	Cost
Staff costs	£16,858
Materials and Equipment	£2,00
Catering	£250
Travel costs for participants x 20 (£15 x 6 sessions x 20 participants)	£1,800
	£

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
SBC - Coronavirus Business Support Grant	£10,000	Awarded
SBC - Business Closure Grant (one-off top-up grant)	£6,000	Awarded
SBC - Large self-catering property support fund	£2,000	Awarded

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
		£
		£
		£

		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	the application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<p>the application scores medium/high as this is a new project.</p> <p>The opportunity will be offered to targeted individuals who have been impacted most by the pandemic</p> <p>The application demonstrates positive partnership working with the LAC team although this could be enhanced by engaging with additional partner organisations. The group are willing to explore further possibilities in terms of building partnership work.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful we would expect the group to evaluate their project by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of individuals involved in the project • Feedback from participants/and support staff as to benefits of the project on individuals wellbeing. • The number of individuals being involved in further volunteer opportunities

*The Abbotsford Trust is an independent charity that owns and cares for the historic buildings and collections created by Scott and his descendants. During the year ended 31st December 2020, the Trust made a surplus of £186,964 on unrestricted funds, and the Trading Company made a loss of £97,108, meaning that we closed the year with an overall consolidated surplus of £89,856.

Reserves policy: The Abbotsford Board retains its policy of achieving its target of no less than £150,000 in Unrestricted Reserves. At year end (31st December 2020), the unrestricted reserves stood at £155,516. This represents approximately three months of running costs.

Restricted funds: The Abbotsford Trust has a number of restricted funds, each of which is for a specific nominated purpose. The restricted funds are either for capital purposes or revenue (project) purposes. Note 24 in the annual accounts lists restricted funds at 31st December 2020. So far in 2021, staffing expenditure from restricted project funds is expected to account for £229,598.

2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Ettrick Forest Archers					
Organisation structure	Constituted group					
Application reference	BBBB/EIL/12					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	November 2021			Project end date	April 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£4,586.93
Current bank balance	£5,687.24
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£2,212.00
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£3,475.00

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community.

High **Medium** **Low**

In conjunction with the active schools coordinator for the area, Karen Cornwell, Ettrick Forest Archers is planning to hold open days before the start of the new season in March for secondary school pupils in the area to try and build up its junior section. It is hoped that with an increase in the junior membership, some of them would assist in the administration of the website and Facebook social media page, improving the knowledge of our senior members and publicising its facilities more.

The group also plan to generate interest in archery and increase its number of members in 2022 by giving demonstrations and "Come and Try" sessions at events such as Traquair Medieval Fare and Scott Fest.

Funding from the BBBB Recovery Fund would allow the group to purchase the new and necessary equipment to host the aforementioned open days and the "Come and Try" sessions. The funding would also allow the group to offer the opportunity of four free two-hour training sessions to the first five new junior members and first five new senior members (of pensionable age) who wish to join the club as well as a one year's membership and all equipment hire and field fees for the ten new members.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
--------------------------------------	---	-------------------------------------

By introducing the "Come and Try" sessions as well as the opportunity to commit to the sport for a year at no cost to the first ten members, the group are giving a huge range of individuals a chance to experience the benefits that the sport provides by removing the potential financial barriers.

Whether participants are young, adult or elderly, the vast majority have been affected in some way by the pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns and social isolation. As communities begin to return to normality, these activities encourage people to get back out into the outdoors, take on a new sport whilst maintaining a tradition that has been around for many hundreds of years, offering a sense of belonging in the community and keeping alive the history of the region.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
--------------------------------------	---	-------------------------------------

Longbow archery provides the opportunity of outdoor activity for all members of the community – Ettrick Forest Archers have members aged 13 - 88. The sport offers general exercise, increased vascular activity, and greater social interaction between generations.

The sport takes place outside and provides various mental health benefits, such as a reduction of stress levels and an elevation in mood and helps fight against depression and anxiety. During a competition, walking can be up to 8 miles in one day. As communities transition from the lockdowns, many people's physical and mental well-being has been affected and getting outside and walking whilst doing sport is a great way to regain fitness for all ages.

The group hope its intergenerational project will encourage the different age groups to recover together and learn to be more tolerant. When taking part in archery, participants' skills and technique develop as they develop strength especially in the core, upper back and arms. Furthermore, when training participants need to be able to stay calm to stay in control, be able to concentrate by focusing on the shot and ignoring distractions. These are all skills any student requires especially when some are taking exams for the first time.

Archery also allows time for socialising which has many benefits including self-confidence which students need when starting a new job or a new course at further education and which adults and elderly members may have lost due to 18 months in isolation. As the group aims to make its project intergenerational, it hopes that all members will also gain a sense of belonging and understanding of themselves and others and an acceptance in society. By bridging the gap and learning about each other, Ettrick Forest Archers hope that it will be able to support its members out in the community and feel supported by each other should they need support. Similarly many of the older generation have been isolated and unable to do some of the more energetic sports but would be able to shoot a longbow and walk between the targets at a gentler pace.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£7,447.22
10% organisation contribution	£747.22
Request to BBBB	£6,700.00

Item of expenditure	Cost
3 x portable green back stop nets	£336.00
2 x portable take down basketball stands adapted for safety net use	£200.00
Pulley blocks rope and pins to anchor erected nets	£50.00
8 sets of 6 standard practice wooden arrows	£285.00
20 x Leather arm guard PPE	£250.00
Leather finger guard PPE - 15 right handed, 5 left handed	£33.50
Wasp arrow-finder metal detector	£119.00
Target faces for use at recruitment days	£110.00
2 x straw Target butts	£299.00
4 x replacement basic wooden longbows	£1,400.00
2 x commercial quality gazebos 4M X 6M	£1,999.90
6 x warning & safety signs & boundary tape	£80.56
Training costs (5 x new juniors, 5 x new adults)	£800.00
6 months membership & equipment use (5 x new juniors, 5 x new seniors)	£1,325.00
Target face pins	£29.76
10 x archery quivers	£129.50

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
		£
		£
		£
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<p>The application scores medium/high as it is a new project looking to attract new members to the sport.</p> <p>The project aims to remove any financial barriers to participation and provides funded spaces for 10 individuals.</p> <p>The project will aim to be intergenerational.</p>

Additional terms and conditions required	<p>The applicant must follow Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful we would expect the report to evaluate their project, with a specific focus on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of juniors attending the open day• Number of full membership opportunities taken up• Number of individuals progressed into volunteering opportunities within the club
---	--

2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Eildon West Youth Hub (TD1 Youth Hub).					
Organisation structure	Company Limited by Guarantee holding Charitable Status.					
Application reference	BBBB-EIL-13					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	November 21			Project end date	May 22	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£386,929
Current bank balance	£221,962
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£49,753 The free reserve, £49,753 (unreserved), and its continued development, is currently being built to follow good practice guidelines of OSCR, which recommends that between 3 and 6 months financial running and salary costs of the charity be set aside and sustained as part of the free reserve of the organisation.
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£337,176 Restricted funds, of which £220,000 is capital asset (TD1 own their building) The remaining funds are committed to previously awarded and agreed service delivery within thematic youth work and groupwork programme delivery

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an

identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
---	--	-------------------------------------

Comment:

A public meeting had been held at Melrose Gait during the summer The public meeting arose from local concerns regarding public and personal safety, nuisance behaviour and ongoing damage to property and cars.

From the initial public meeting TD1 youth work staff engaged with the young people in the area and through this engagement found that Young people felt 'bored' most of the time, and that only meeting up and 'playing' (juniors) was the answer to them. All felt that when things were organised locally, they were good and enjoyable. There was 'nothing to do' and current resources were inadequate and tokenistic (older group). Young people felt isolated from wider Galashiels, but also felt, apart from TD1 – 'Why go into Gala?' Buses were poor, and 'too far to walk', and some identified, females particularly, felt it was unsafe to walk at night. Transportation to TD1, activities, trips and local organised stuff-to-do was felt important

Building on this research TD1 wish to offer a new outreach service, for over the winter months and darker nights that would allow young people to access the TD1 youth hub in Galashiels town but also offer new outreach opportunities to those living in the Langlee area, within the community and from the Queens Centre. TD1 want to offer regular group activities which will offer a chance for young people to take part in youth work opportunities with the aim of reducing anti-social behaviour by allowing young people the opportunity to engage in youth provision twice a week in organised activity.

The aim is to run 2 sessions per week with activities lasting between 2 and 3 hours long which will include. Sessions will either take place in the local community or free transport will be provided to take young people to the TD1 youth centre. The young people will have an opportunity to get involved in a variety of activities; Sporting activities (such as football, basketball, etc) - Cycling/Mountain Biking activities - Trips to activities such as climbing, fishing, water activities, - Building relationship based activities such as movie night, curry night, pool competition, etc

From the previous engagement with Langlee young people it was identified that there would be up to 24 young people who would be interested in participating in youth activities. This was a breakdown of; 14 under 15 year old and 10 over 15 year olds that engaged in a small community consultation and indicated that they would engage again.

Funding would look to cover the above mentioned activities, along with staffing hours and transport to and from the youth centre when it is unable to deliver sessions in Langlee. TD1 will use existing staff to cover these sessions but allow them additional planning, delivery and evaluation time.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
---	--	-------------------------------------

Comment:

TD1 Youth Hub were involved in discussions with members of the community of Melrose Gait due to the perceived high level of anti-social behaviour incidents involving young people post lockdown. TD1 conducted a piece of research with young people who told them what their perception about their community was and what could be improved.

Engagement took place with 24 young people who have indicated that they would participate in organised activity.

This project will primarily support the young people from Melrose Gait/Langlee area and involve them in organised provision.

The previous 18 months have been a challenge for many people and families with a lack of opportunities available to those in the community. It is hoped that positive engagement with young people will reduce anti-social behaviour in the community. It is TD1's view that as school college, employment return back to some semblance of normality, some, but not all, the challenges will decrease however it is hoped that this intervention along with the creation of a residents association will create stronger relationships within the Melrose Gait community. In engaging with the young people TD1 hope to channel their views into making a positive change in their area and for them to be encouraged and supported to join a residents association or more effectively feed in their views and opinions to other residents.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High **Medium** **Low**

Comment:

In supporting young people to feel connected to their community and to feel positive about the options in their community it will help support young people recover from the effects of the pandemic and create a positive feeling about their future life chances and knowing that people are around and where to access that support.

In having stronger contacts and relationship with young people it will allow TD1 to support young people to develop spaces at Melrose Gait and Langlee into spaces young people are proud off rather than somewhere they don't feel they belong to.

In developing a trusting youth work relationship TD1 hope to develop a piece of work with young people where they help make improvements to their community and potentially join the residents association of each area to have young peoples voices heard.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£13,760
10% organisation contribution	£1,376
Request to BBBB	£12,384

Item of expenditure	Cost
Provision of free activities/trips - £200 budget per fortnight	£2,600
Vehicle Hire/Transport Costs - approx £150 for hire and fuel weekly	£3,900
Staff costs £13p/h x 10 hrs pw x 2 workers x 26 weeks	£6,760
Resources for activities budget (clothing, balls, arts & craft, etc)	£500
Page 35	

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
The Henry Smith Charity	£1,376	Agreed / in place
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
2020	Community Learning & Development SLA	£9,000
2020	CYPLG	£15,693
2021	Community Fund	£11,803
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
Comments	<p>the application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>The application scores high because the group aim to work with young people who have been impacted negatively by the pandemic</p> <p>The project will be new and targeted towards young people in the Melrose Gait/Langlee area</p> <p>The project will aim to reduce anti-social behaviour and improve relationships in the community</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful we would look for the group to evaluate their project with specific focus on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of young people engaged with over the length of the project • Feedback from community members as to any impact the provision has had on reducing anti-social behaviour • Progression route of young people into the residents association other local community groups • Report on on-going provision for young people in the Melrose Gait area

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL



COMMUNITY FUND
INTERIM EVALUATION FORM

Group name:	Friends and Family of Newtown Primary School
CF Reference No.	CF1920/EIL/1

Please return this form when your project/period of support is complete. If you have any questions about this form or are unclear as to what is required when reporting, please contact the Communities & Partnerships Team on Tel: 0300 100 1800.

Section 1: Spending your grant

Please give details below of the items funded by this grant. Please note that **original receipts must be submitted** with this form for review. All receipts submitted will be returned to you.

Item/activity	Cost (corresponding evidence of spending attached)
Installation of Multi-Use Goal into existing tarmac/Grass	£1786.00
Multi-Use Goal apparatus (junior goal)	£2521.00
Delivery of equipment and materials	£225.00
Total amount spent by your group	£4,532.00

If the items detailed above are **different in any way** from what was stated in your original application form, use the space below to explain the change(s). Please give details of the contact you had with Communities & Partnerships Team to agree these changes.

Section 2: The benefits of your award

Which age group(s) has the grant benefitted most?

(0-16) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(17-25) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(26-49) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(50-70) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(70+) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
---	--	--	--	--

How many people do you estimate have benefitted from the grant?

(5-100) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(101-500) <input type="checkbox"/>	(501-1,000) <input type="checkbox"/>	(1,001-5,000) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5,001-10,000) <input type="checkbox"/>	(10,000+) <input type="checkbox"/>
--	---------------------------------------	---	---	--	---------------------------------------

Tell us the difference the grant has made to your community?

(tick as many as appropriate)

- Improved the health and wellbeing of community members
- Improved the quality of life of community members
- Reduced social isolation
- Aided better integration of community members
- Increased participation in community activities
- Improved the natural environment
- Improved the built environment
- Preserved local heritage
- Created better learning
- Contributed to the development of sporting/recreational activities
- Contributed to the development of arts/heritage activities
- Instilled community pride
- Provided better access to information
- Assisted in recovery from financial hardship

Tell us in what way the project has achieved these differences

<p>The grant has allowed completion of a sporting area as per our application. Both children from the primary school and the wider community network are benefitting from the new facility this has created for the community to use. The children can use it during school time as part of their learning and recreational activities, and out with school hours the wider community can use the facilities to come together and play sport, in a safe environment.</p> <p>The sports facility allows games such as football/netball/basketball to be played in Newtown free of charge for all community members. Therefore improving health and quality of life. Allowing all age groups to interact whilst playing or spectating and increasing the sense of pride within the community here at Newtown.</p>

Section 3: The signed declaration

I confirm that the details contained in this form are correct and that we will keep all financial records and accounts, including receipts for items purchased with the award, for at least two years from payment of the grant. We understand that this does not release us from our statutory obligations to keep records for longer periods. We are aware that we may be visited to inspect our records.

Name: Kirsty White	Date: 26.06.2020
Position: PTA Chair	Tel: No: 07832212983

For Office Use Only

Expenditure satisfactory

Receipts seen & satisfactory

Benefits consistent

Further monitoring requirements: Yes / No



This page is intentionally left blank